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SUBJ: AMNESTY FOR MIHAJLOV

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1. AFTER CONSULATATION WITH SENATOR DOLE AND IN FURTHERANCE
OF REFTEL I APPROACHED FOREIGN OFFICE ON NOVEMBER 24 TO
DISCUSS MIHAJLOV CASE (SEPTTEL FOLLOWS WITH DETAILS OF
CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR DOLE, MIHAJLOV'S LAWYER AND
FOREIGN OFFICE).

2. APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS LATER I WAS INFORMED BY
STARCEVIC OF FSFA THAT MIHAJLOV WILL BE AMNESTIED WITHIN A
FEW DAYS. WHEN I ASKED IF STARCEVIC KNEW THE EXACT DATE OF
MIHAJLOV'S AMNESTY I WAS TOLD THAT ALL HE KNEW WAS THAT "IT
WOULD BE WITHIN A FEW DAYS". I ASSUME, THEREFORE, THAT
PRESENT GOY INTENTIONS ARE TO ANNOUNCE MIHAJLOV'S RELEASE AS
A PART OF THE BROADER AMNESTY WE HAVE BEEN EXPECTING IN
CONJUNCTION WITH THE NOVEMBER 30 DAY OF THE REPUBLIC
CELEBRATIONS.

3. I MUST EMPHASIZE THE EXTREME SENSITIVITY OF THIS
INFORMATION AND WARN THAT ANY LEAK NOW COULD CAUSE THE
GOY TO REVERSE ITS DECISION. THUS I STRONGLY RECOMMEND

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THAT THIS REPORT BE HELD TIGHTLY AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT
NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE ANY STEPS AT THIS POINT TO INFORM
MIHAJLOV'S FAMILY OF WHAT MAY OCCUR.

4. THERE REMAINS OF COURSE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE
WILL BE A SLIP BETWEEN CUP AND LIP, BUT I BELIEVE THAT
THE INFORMATION I WAS GIVEN YESTERDAY IS AN ACCURATE

DESCRIPTION OF THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY, AND THAT THE
GOY DOES INTEND TO RELEASE MIHAJLOV SOON. WHEN AND IF
MIHAJLOV IS AMNESTIED I BELIEVE THE USG SHOULD
ISSUE A STATEMENT CONGRATULATING THE GOY. WE WILL SEND
A SUGGESTED STATEMENT BY SEPTTEL.
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